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SUBJECT: WELFARE OF HAITIAN DEPORTEES

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1. IN AN EFFORT TO MONITOR THE WELFARE OF HAITIANS DEPORTED FROM THE U.S., EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE RECENT DEPORTEES NAMED IN REFTEL. TO DATE THE SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS HAS BEEN SEVERELY LIMITED BY ERRONEOUS, INADEQUATE OR CHANGED ADDRESSES, ALTHOUGH OUR INITIAL INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED TO THE 29 DEPORTEES LISTED IN PARA. 2 OF REFTEL WHO REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM.

2. THROUGH HIS AUNT, WE WERE ABLE TO LOCATE JUSTINE THERESIAS IN GONAIVE, AND HE CAME TO THE EMBASSY 12/6/76 FOR AN INTERVIEW. ACCORDING TO THERESIAS, HE WAS MET BY POLICE UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT IN PORT AU PRINCE 4/27/76. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO THE OFFICE OF THE SERVICE D'IMMIGRATION ET D'EMMIGRATION WHERE OFFICIALS SOUGHT TO DETERMINE IF HE HAD LEGALLY DEPARTED FROM HAITI. THERESIAS STATED THAT HE WAS RELEASED FROM POLICE CUSTODY TWO OR THREE HOURS LATER WHEN HE WAS ABLE TO PROVE THAT HE HAD DEPARTED FOR THE BAHAMAS WITH A VALID EXIT VISA AS REQUIRED UNDER HAITIAN LAW. HE MAINTAINS THAT DURING HIS DETENTION HE WAS NOT MOLESTED IN ANY WAY, AND THAT SINCE HIS
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RELEASE, THERE HAS BEEN NO HARASSMENT BY THE GOH.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THIS INFORMATIN BE PASSED TO COUNSEL G.J. CLINE, HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW UP ON

DEPORTEE NAMES INCLUDING THOSE WHO DID NOT REQUEST
POLITICAL ASLYUM.
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